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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	10/564,115	Examiner:	Hall, Deanna K.
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Title:	<b>Drive Device and Method for Advancing an Advancing Element</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.